

Minutes
Deep Creek Distribution System Meeting
May 25, 1970

Mr. Donald C. Norseth opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with a brief discussion of the water situation for 1970 and a review of the forecasts that had been made during the year. He stated that in all probability stream flow would be dropping fast and that we would probably have a hot dry summer.

The minutes of the 1969 meeting were read, and with no corrections they stood approved.

The financial statement was given with the following general items set up:

The funds on hand January 1, 1969 -----	\$ 199.68
Assessments -----	\$1,729.31
Expenditures -----	\$1,370.72
The funds on hand December 31, 1969 -----	\$ 558.27

The rest of the budget and expenditures for 1969 were itemized and read as set forth in the financial statement.

Mr. Adrain Kump was then asked for his 1969 report of his activities. He finished with recommendations as follows: Measuring devices are needed on all diversions. Some people are adjusting headgates without authorization, and locks might be needed. He also said that the Mosby Irrigation Company water was turned out of the canal September 8, 1969 and that only Deep Creek water was diverted after that date.

Some discussion concerning the status of measuring devices and the responsibility of maintaining them was held. Mr. Norseth stated that if there was a diversion diverting water for an individual, it was the individual's responsibility to maintain the heading and measuring device. If the device was for the purpose of measuring stream flow to be allocated to all users, it should be the system's responsibility. Mr. Norseth recommended that a committee be appointed to again check the system's measuring devices and assist the water users in getting needed devices installed.

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A discussion was held concerning the appointment of a commissioner for 1970. Mr. Roy Huber moved that Adrain Kump be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment as water commissioner. This was seconded by Reed McKee, and the motion carried. Mr. Norseth said that Adrain Kump had done a good job as commissioner, and he would be appointed in 1970. Mr. Kump stated that it would be his last year as water commissioner as the school at LaPoint was being closed and he would be driving the school bus in the future. This job would involve three to four months, and he could only be on the job as water commissioner after his other work.

Mr. Ollie Justice then stated that he felt that if a water users committee were to be appointed, it should meet periodically so that the irrigators on the Deep Creek System could be kept informed of the needs of their system and could air any problems they might have.

A discussion of the budget of 1969 was held, and a new budget for 1970 was set up as follows:

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Amount for 1970</u>
Commissioner's Salary	\$1,200.00
Matching Social Security	57.60
Matching State Retirement	51.00
Commissioner's Travel Expense	300.00
Commissioner's Telephone Expense	5.00
Commissioner's Annual Report	50.00
Bonds and Insurance Premiums	10.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	6.40
Total	<u>\$1,680.00</u>

A motion was made to approve the budget of \$1,680.00 as outlined. It was seconded and approved. A motion was made by Lawrence Luck that an assessment be made leaving \$100 in the bank reserve with the rest of the balance being applied against the budget of \$1,680.00. This would make the assessment for 1970 approximately \$1,221.73. The motion was seconded and carried.

A further discussion was held concerning measuring devices that are needed on the system. Mr. Norseth stated that in 1970 they would be ordered on the system, and he requested that the committee now be appointed to assist both the State Engineer and the water users for selection of the necessary devices and working out a procedure for installation of them. The committee was elected as follows: Orlando Cook, David Jenkins, and Marvin Huber.

The discussion then centered around the role that Mosby Irrigation Company plays in the Deep Creek System. Mr. Ollie Justice stated that the company was turning extra water in the creek for carrier water and that the company should take some responsibility in the maintenance of the diversion headings. Lawrence Luck stated that it was true that Mosby Irrigation Company was utilizing the channel of Deep Creek as a carrier and that they at considerable expense could probably construct a canal. However, he felt that the additional water was benefiting all users as it kept the channel wet and contributed to the seepage in the area. Mr. Ollie Justice stated that this was probably true with the exception that after flows diminished, only earlier priorities received any benefit. Mr. Luck stated that the Mosby Irrigation Company felt that all all water filings in the area should be under one company or system so that all water use could be regulated by one entity. Mr. Norseth then stated that this would be the ideal situation on any system and that the State Engineer's Office would be happy to assist if they could in getting all users set up under one system on Deep Creek.

The revised priority schedule was presented to the users, and they were given thirty days to contact Mr. Robert Guy in the State Engineer's Area Office in Vernal if they noted any mistakes in the schedule that needed to be corrected.

A discussion was then held on the responsibility of the water users committee, and the suggestion was made that they should hold meetings during the summer at which the water users could be informed as to the progress in solving the problems of the system. The question was asked as to the availability of

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representatives from the State Engineer's Office to meet with the water users and assist them in working out a procedure for the system. Mr. Norseth stated that Mr. Guy and he would be available if given sufficient notice of the meeting. Mr. Hubert Lambert then stated that he would be available if he could adjust his calendar accordingly.

The meeting then adjourned.

Those present were:

R.O. Curry representing the Ute Indian Tribe
Roy Huber (Huber Ditch)
A.R. Kump, Water Commissioner
Marvin Huber
Farrell Simmons
Travers Nielson
Merrill Meehan
Orson Johnson
Orlando Cook
Ollie Justice
Reed McKee
Lawrence Luck representing Mosby Irrigation Company
David Jenkins
Robert F. Guy, Division of Water Rights
Donald C. Norseth, Division of Water Rights
Hubert C. Lambert, State Engineer

Copies of minutes sent to:

Adrain Kump
Orlando Cook
David Jenkins
Marvin Huber
Robert Guy
Frank Reese
Dick Pexton